AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)

Statistical Area	Feb.'88	Jan.'88	Feb.'87(R)	Percent Change to February 1988 from: Jan.'88	Feb.'87
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	32,590	32,390	31,570	+ 0.6	+ 3.2
Manufacturing	7,980	7,940	7,840	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Nonmanufacturing	24,610	24,450	23,730	+ 0.6	+ 3.7
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	86,440	86,630	84,240	- 0.2	+ 2.6
Manufacturing	23,660	23,650	25,210	+ 0.1	- 6.1
Nonmanufacturing	62,780	62,980	59,030	- 0.3	+ 6.4
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,750	20,640	22,510	+ 10.2	+ 1.1
Manufacturing	1,950	1,970	2,000	- 1.0	- 2.5
Nonmanufacturing	20,800	18,670	20,510	+ 11.4	+ 1.4

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

** The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are a part of the New London-Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the estimates.

(R) Revised

Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA
MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987
Bridgeport	$475.73	$479.25	$451.92	42.4	42.6	42.0	$11.22	$11.25	$10.76
Hartford	468.17	470.42	447.53	42.6	43.0	42.3	10.99	10.94	10.58
New Haven	409.45	405.78	414.17	40.3	39.9	41.5	10.16	10.17	9.98
Stamford	474.36	472.83	453.91	40.2	39.7	40.6	11.80	11.91	11.18
Waterbury	391.62	403.04	379.53	42.2	44.0	42.5	9.28	9.16	8.93

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the statistical areas generally take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment		Personal Income Millions
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual(R)	Seas. Adj.	Seasonally Adj.
1987							
Jan....	1603.5	1626.0	5938	3740	4.0	3.5	$5001.4
Feb....	1597.0	1623.6	3593	4081	4.0	3.5	5035.0
Mar....	1617.4	1633.4	2668	3547	3.8	3.5	5044.3
Apr....	1634.7	1635.1	2592	3199	3.2	3.3	5043.2
May....	1644.6	1637.0	2455	3283	3.2	3.4	5063.6
Jun....	1663.3	1642.6	2861	3066	3.3	3.3	5087.8
Jul....	1637.6	1644.0	4588	3123	3.3	3.2	5091.8
Aug....	1631.6	1644.7	2739	2970	3.3	3.3	5130.8
Sep....	1647.4	1643.9	1789	2959	2.9	3.2	5144.9
Oct....	1655.3	1645.5	1952	2823	2.9	3.3	5172.9
Nov....	1665.3	1647.9	2318	2800	2.9	3.2	5212.1
Dec....	1674.5	1650.4	5125	2901	3.1	3.2	5240.3
1988							
Jan....	1644.5(R)	1667.8(R)	5713	3598	3.7	3.3	5273.4(R)
Feb....	1642.5(P)	1669.2(P)	3286	3734	3.6	3.3	5312.7(P)
Mar....							
Apr....							
May....							
Jun....							
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1987						
Jan....	13430	14561	42.0	42.0	133.8	128.4
Feb....	12036	15099	42.0	42.0	132.3	127.9
Mar....	12797	13252	42.1	42.0	132.1	127.0
Apr....	14894	13430	41.9	42.0	130.8	126.4
May....	11027	11098	42.2	42.4	132.0	128.2
Jun....	11862	11754	42.3	42.3	129.1	125.3
Jul....	15214	15198	42.0	42.3	105.5	123.4
Aug....	12547	11645	41.6	42.3	108.5	124.7
Sep....	17917	15913	42.0	42.1	127.7	124.5
Oct.	12587	13485	42.1	42.1	130.4	126.0
Nov....	14508	13907	42.0	41.6	130.4	124.4
Dec....	20320	19862	42.7	42.1	121.6	127.7
1988						
Jan....	11903	12910	42.3	42.3	130.7	125.4
Feb....	11959	15005	41.6	41.6	128.1	123.9
Mar....						
Apr....						
May....						
Jun....						
Jul....						
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

(R) Revised (P) Preliminary

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid	Employer Contributions Collected
1973	36,314	$117,610,000	$114,163,000
1974	49,255	163,258,000	124,859,000
1975	83,971	298,345,000	140,940,000
1976	67,864	238,013,000	164,922,000
1977	53,699	193,150,000	177,719,000
1978	37,220	138,351,000	189,892,000
1979	30,876	114,926,000	181,376,000
1980	37,463	163,644,000	174,402,000
1981	36,507	173,725,000	167,840,000
1982	47,952	262,962,000	183,733,000
1983	40,251	232,255,000	201,578,000
1984	25,428	154,180,000	238,511,000
1985	26,449	177,887,000	249,065,000
1986	24,950	175,584,000	238,705,000
1987	20,619	158,278,000	211,387,000
Jan'87	33,123	$18,946,000	$ 5,870,000
Feb	30,100	18,498,000	18,865,000
Mar	26,818	19,687,000	1,020,000
Apr	21,177	13,323,000	27,114,000
May	18,023	11,309,000	81,325,000
Jun	17,311	11,480,000	1,096,000
Jul	20,296	12,543,000	19,971,000
Aug	20,297	12,346,000	27,660,000
Sep	15,393	9,787,000	825,000
Oct	13,773	8,748,000	8,131,000
Nov	13,968	9,606,000	18,945,000
Dec	17,145	12,005,000	565,000
Jan'88	29,855	18,603,000	4,976,000
Feb	27,794	20,447,000	18,143,000
Mar			
Apr			
May			
Jun			
Jul			
Aug			
Sep			
Oct			
Nov			
Dec			

*Interest bearing

Federal Loans	
1972	31,800,000
1973	21,700,000
1974	8,500,000
1975	203,000,000
1976	137,000,000
1977	75,000,000
1978	37,000,000
1983	63,806,000*

Direct Loan Repayments	
1976	$ 26,000,000
1977	27,300,000
1978	37,300,000
1979	39,600,000
1984	30,876,000
1985	32,930,000
1986	40,187,000

Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction	
1975	$ 12,906,000
1981	46,537,000
1982	49,496,000
1983	53,975,000
1984	57,349,000
1985	61,138,000
1986	64,357,000

Total Outstanding Loans (2/29/88)

$ 0

Ct. UC Trust Fund Reserve - (2/29/88)
$249.2 million

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April 1988

Connecticut's economy recorded more jobs, lower unemployment, increased factory earnings and personal income and other improvements during March, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner Betty L. Tianti.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Nonfarm employment rose by 12,300 jobs from February to a statewide March average of 1,657,900, up 41,700 (2.6%) from the same month last year (page 2). Nonmanufacturing showed major gains, with the construction and trade categories each adding 3,000 jobs over the month, services an additional 4,500 and government increasing by 1,700. Manufacturing employment was lower by 1,100 from February and 1.8 percent from last year. Employment was up in 14 labor market areas from February and March 1987 and declined in Willimantic (pages 5 & 6).

Both hourly and weekly wages of factory workers increased in March to $10.76 and $450.84, respectively, for a longer workweek of 41.9 hours (page 3). A year ago, average production wages were $10.31 per hour and $434.05 a week. For a 40-hour week in March, workers earned $10.30 an hour and $412 weekly, 4.5 percent above 1987 levels when the average rates were $9.86 and $394.40. Weekly wages of Bristol area workers were the highest at $496.25, followed by Stamford, $491.66; Middletown, $478.12; New London/Norwich, $473.40; Bridgeport, $473.20 and Hartford, $472.51 (page 6). The highest wages were paid in construction, $648.76; chemicals, $540.67; transportation equipment, $529.25 and machinery, $505.32.

Unemployment: Statewide unemployment dropped by 8,600 to 52,300 in March and the actual rate from 3.6, which was the nation's third lowest, to 3.1 percent. The seasonally adjusted rate also was down from February's 3.3 to 3 percent. During March 1987, an estimated 65,200 people were unemployed and the seasonally adjusted rate was 3.6 percent. Unemployment declined over the month and from last year in each of the state's 15 labor market areas (page 4). The estimated unemployment rate includes people receiving benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired and those entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: Elsewhere in the state's economy (page 7), there were fewer first-time (initial) claims for unemployment benefits, increased new automobile registrations, more jobs and lower unemployment. In addition, personal income of state residents set a new record high of $5-billion, 327-million.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household, self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	Mar. 1988(P)	Feb. 1988(R)	Mar. 1987(R)	% Change Mar. '88 over Feb. '88	% Change Mar. '88 over Mar. '87
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,657,900*	1,645,600*	1,616,200*	+ 0.7	+ 2.6
Manufacturing.....	380,300*	381,400*	387,100*	- 0.3	- 1.8
Durable.....	283,900*	284,900*	289,500*	- 0.4	- 1.9
Lumber & Furniture.....	7,600	7,500	7,500	+ 1.3	+ 1.3
Primary Metals.....	13,400	13,400	13,200	0.0	+ 1.5
Fabricated Metals.....	42,900*	43,000*	44,000*	- 0.2	- 2.5
Machinery exc. Elec.....	47,000	47,000	47,900*	0.0	- 1.9
Electrical Equipment....	50,300	50,500	50,900	- 0.4	- 1.2
Transportation Equipment	85,100	85,700	87,400	- 0.7	- 2.6
Instruments & Clocks....	23,600	23,800	24,800	- 0.8	- 4.8
Other Durable.....	14,000	14,000	13,800	0.0	+ 1.4
Nondurable.....	96,400	96,500	97,600	- 0.1	- 1.2
Food.....	12,500	12,600	12,300	- 0.8	+ 1.6
Textiles.....	3,800	3,900	4,300	- 2.6	- 11.6
Apparel.....	7,100	7,100	7,900	0.0	- 10.1
Paper.....	9,500	9,500	9,300	0.0	+ 2.2
Printing & Publishing...	27,500	27,500	27,700	0.0	- 0.7
Chemicals.....	22,100	22,000	21,800	+ 0.5	+ 1.4
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	12,300	12,300	12,700	0.0	- 3.1
Other Nondurable.....	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0	0.0
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,277,600	1,264,200	1,229,100*	+ 1.1	+ 3.9
Construction & Mining....	76,900	73,900	70,700	+ 4.1	+ 8.8
Transportation.....	41,400	40,500	38,700	+ 2.2	+ 7.0
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	17,000	16,600	15,500	+ 2.4	+ 9.7
Other Transportation....	24,400	23,900	23,200	+ 2.1	+ 5.2
Communications.....	19,200	19,200	19,400	0.0	- 1.0
Utilities.....	13,200	13,100	12,800	+ 0.8	+ 3.1
Trade.....	374,300	371,300	360,000	+ 0.8	+ 4.0
Wholesale.....	89,300	89,100	85,600	+ 0.2	+ 4.3
Retail.....	285,000	282,200	274,400	+ 1.0	+ 3.9
General Merchandise....	36,500	36,400	33,800	+ 0.3	+ 8.0
Food Stores.....	49,400	48,500	48,300	+ 1.9	+ 2.3
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	32,700	32,500	31,500	+ 0.6	+ 3.8
Restaurants.....	74,900	73,800	74,800	+ 1.5	+ 0.1
Other Retail Trade.....	91,500	91,000	86,000	+ 0.5	+ 6.4
Finance, Ins. &..R.E.....	150,500	150,300	147,700	+ 0.1	+ 1.9
Banking.....	34,700	34,500	33,500	+ 0.6	+ 3.6
Insurance.....	79,300	79,600	79,200	- 0.4	+ 0.1
Real Estate.....	14,400	14,200	14,300	+ 1.4	+ 0.7
Other Fin.,Ins. & R.E...	22,100	22,000	20,700	+ 0.5	+ 6.8
Services.....	393,700	389,200	375,500	+ 1.2	+ 4.8
Hotels.....	10,700	10,600	10,800	+ 0.9	- 0.9
Personal Services.....	19,600	19,300	18,600	+ 1.6	+ 5.4
Business Services.....	88,000	86,800	84,700	+ 1.4	+ 3.9
Health Services.....	120,600	120,000	115,300*	+ 0.5	+ 4.6
Law & Professional.....	35,700	35,500	32,900	+ 0.6	+ 8.5
Educational Services....	34,700	34,400	34,000	+ 0.9	+ 2.1
Other Services.....	84,400	82,600	79,200	+ 2.2	+ 6.6
Government.....	208,400	206,700	204,300	+ 0.8	+ 2.0
Federal.....	25,500	25,600	24,800	- 0.4	+ 2.8
State & Local.....	182,900	181,100	179,500	+ 1.0	+ 1.9

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
(R) Revised estimate
(P) Preliminary estimate

EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987(R)	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987(R)	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987(R)
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)	$450.84	$445.95	$434.05	41.9	41.6	42.1	$10.76	$10.72	$10.31
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	465.19	458.96	445.60	42.6	42.3	42.6	10.92	10.85	10.46
Lumber & Furniture.....	351.78	346.98	325.96	41.0	40.3	39.8	8.58	8.61	8.19
Primary Metals.....	489.29	492.35	481.24	45.9	45.8	45.4	10.66	10.75	10.60
Fabricated Metals.....	442.53	439.62	412.79	43.3	43.1	42.6	10.22	10.20	9.69
Machinery.....	505.32	504.22	490.31	44.6	44.7	44.9	11.33	11.28	10.92
Electrical Equipment.....	379.66	369.04	354.14	41.0	40.2	40.8	9.26	9.18	8.68
Transportation Equipment.....	529.25	524.69	523.25	40.9	40.8	42.3	12.94	12.86	12.37
Instruments and Clocks.....	449.57	443.22	426.19	44.6	44.5	43.4	10.08	9.96	9.82
Other Durable Mfg.....	392.29	389.63	391.27	41.6	41.1	41.1	9.43	9.48	9.52
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	413.66	408.91	400.72	40.2	39.7	40.6	10.29	10.30	9.87
Food.....	395.79	397.79	384.10	40.1	39.7	37.4	9.87	10.02	10.27
Textiles.....	342.55	332.99	323.18	40.3	39.5	40.6	8.50	8.43	7.96
Apparel.....	244.72	234.25	251.55	36.8	35.6	38.7	6.65	6.58	6.50
Paper.....	465.66	461.30	478.04	41.1	40.5	44.1	11.33	11.39	10.84
Printing and Publishing.....	420.96	414.32	385.95	38.2	37.7	38.1	11.02	10.99	10.13
Chemicals.....	540.67	534.36	528.66	44.1	43.8	44.5	12.26	12.20	11.88
Rubber and Misc. Plastics....	360.59	361.49	345.51	40.2	39.9	40.6	8.97	9.06	8.51
Other Nondurable Mfg.....	278.73	272.94	317.09	32.6	32.3	36.7	8.55	8.45	8.64
CONSTRUCTION.....	648.76	623.31	586.50	40.7	39.5	39.1	15.94	15.78	15.00

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY STATISTICAL AREA

	Mar. 1988 Number	Mar. 1988 Ratio to Labor Force	Feb. 1988(R) Number	Feb. 1988(R) Ratio to Labor Force	Mar. 1987(R) Number	Mar. 1987(R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals* Actual...	52,300	3.1	60,900	3.6	65,200	3.8
Seasonally Adjusted...		(3.0)		(3.3)		(3.6)
Statistical Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport.....	8,700	3.9	9,900	4.4	11,000	4.8
Bristol.....	1,400	4.0	1.700	4.8	1,600	4.4
Danbury.....	3,200	2.9	3,600	3.4	3,600	3.3
Danielson.....	1,500	4.7	2,000	6.0	2,000	5.9
Hartford.....	11,500	2.8	13,400	3.2	14,600	3.4
Middletown.....	1,300	2.6	1,600	3.1	1,400	2.8
Lower River.....	400	2.3	500	3.2	500	2.7
New Britain.....	2,400	3.4	2,900	4.0	3,200	4.3
New Haven.....	7,600	2.9	8,900	3.4	9,400	3.5
New London/Norwich...	4,300	3.4	5,000	3.9	4,900	3.8
Norwalk.....	1,800	2.3	2,000	2.6	2,300	2.9
Stamford.....	2,400	2.1	2,700	2.4	3,100	2.6
Torrington.....	1,500	3.1	1,800	3.9	1,900	4.0
Waterbury.....	4,100	4.2	4,800	4.8	5,500	5.4
Willimantic.....	600	2.1	700	2.6	800	2.7
Civilian U.S. Total-Actual.....	7,090,000	5.9	7,482,000	6.2	8,124,000	6.9
Seasonally Adjusted....		(5.6)		(5.7)		(6.5)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

(R) Revised

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Mar. '88	Feb. '88	Mar. '87
All Items.....	349.0	347.4	335.9
Percent Change From.....	XXX	+ 0.5	+ 3.9

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

Statistical Area	Mar.'88	Feb.'88	Mar.'87(R)	Percent Change to March 1988 from: Feb.'88	Mar.'87
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Empl.	198,810	197,490	192,200	+ 0.7	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	57,600	57,950	57,880	- 0.6	- 0.5
Nonmanufacturing	141,210	139,540	134,320	+ 1.2	+ 5.1
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	25,000	24,840	24,750	+ 0.6	+ 1.0
Manufacturing	7,370	7,390	8,160	- 0.3	- 9.7
Nonmanufacturing	17,630	17,450	16,590	+ 1.0	+ 6.3
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	81,430	80,630	79,300	+ 1.0	+ 2.7
Manufacturing	24,120	24,060	24,650	+ 0.2	- 2.2
Nonmanufacturing	57,310	56,570	54,650	+ 1.3	+ 4.9
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	23,070*	22,830*	22,670	+ 1.1	+ 1.8
Manufacturing	8,830*	8,820*	9,110	+ 0.1	- 3.1
Nonmanufacturing	14,240	14,010	13,560	+ 1.6	+ 5.0
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	482,150*	479,560*	467,300*	+ 0.5	+ 3.1
Manufacturing	93,270*	93,510*	91,110*	- 0.3	- 0.3
Nonmanufacturing	388,880*	386,050*	376,190	+ 0.7	+ 3.3
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	46,010	45,870	44,800	+ 0.3	+ 2.7
Manufacturing	9,570	9,680	10,740	- 1.1	- 10.9
Nonmanufacturing	36,440	36,190	34,060	+ 0.7	+ 7.0
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	14,570	14,350	14,130*	+ 1.5	+ 3.1
Manufacturing	4,640	4,570	4,870	+ 1.5	- 4.7
Nonmanufacturing	9,930	9,780	9,260*	+ 1.5	+ 7.2
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	66,510	65,520	64,800	+ 1.5	+ 2.6
Manufacturing	20,830	20,790	21,100	+ 0.2	- 1.3
Nonmanufacturing	45,680	44,730	43,700	+ 2.1	+ 4.5
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	252,200*	249,870	245,190*	+ 0.9	+ 2.9
Manufacturing	46,460	46,360	46,410*	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Nonmanufacturing	205,740*	203,510	198,780	+ 1.1	+ 3.5
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	117,220	116,340	114,990	+ 0.8	+ 1.9
Manufacturing	33,620	33,830	35,100	- 0.6	- 4.2
Nonmanufacturing	83,600	82,510	79,890	+ 1.3	+ 4.6
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	73,220	72,620	71,680	+ 0.8	+ 2.1
Manufacturing	19,800	19,950	20,250	- 0.8	- 2.2
Nonmanufacturing	53,420	52,670	51,430	+ 1.4	+ 3.9
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	127,330	126,350	123,090	+ 0.8	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	23,990	23,820	24,030	+ 0.7	- 0.2
Nonmanufacturing	103,340	102,530	99,060	+ 0.8	+ 4.3

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)

Statistical Area	Mar.'88	Feb.'88	Mar.'87(R)	Percent Change to March 1988 from: Feb.'88	Mar.'87
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	32,680	32,590	31,910	+ 0.3	+ 2.4
Manufacturing	7,960	7,980	7,930	- 0.3	+ 0.4
Nonmanufacturing	24,720	24,610	23,980	+ 0.4	+ 3.1
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	87,210	86,440	84,910	+ 0.9	+ 2.7
Manufacturing	23,630	23,660	25,180	- 0.1	- 6.2
Nonmanufacturing	63,580	62,780	59,730	+ 1.3	+ 6.4
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,710	22,750	23,080	- 0.2	- 1.6
Manufacturing	1,940	1,950	1,940	- 0.5	0.0
Nonmanufacturing	20,770	20,800	21,140	- 0.1	- 1.8

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987
Bridgeport	$473.20	$475.73	$455.45	42.1	42.4	41.9	$11.24	$11.22	$10.87
Hartford	472.51	468.17	452.20	42.8	42.6	42.5	11.04	10.99	10.64
New Haven	411.68	409.45	404.09	40.4	40.3	40.9	10.19	10.16	9.88
Stamford	491.66	474.36	450.15	40.7	40.2	40.3	12.08	11.80	11.17
Waterbury	387.60	391.62	389.66	42.5	42.2	43.2	9.12	9.28	9.02

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. 1988	Dec. 1987	Mar. 1987	Mar. 1988	Dec. 1987	Mar. 1987	Mar. 1988	Dec. 1987	Mar. 1987
Bristol	$496.25	$484.63	$459.23	43.8	43.7	42.6	$11.33	$11.09	$10.78
Danbury	454.08	444.72	427.06	44.0	43.6	43.4	10.32	10.20	9.84
Danielson	390.16	374.66	368.24	41.2	40.2	40.6	9.47	9.32	9.07
Middletown	478.12	482.45	443.41	40.9	41.2	40.2	11.69	11.71	11.03
Lower River	364.61	377.01	341.11	40.2	42.6	40.9	9.07	8.85	8.34
New Britain	471.70	485.89	460.94	44.5	44.7	43.2	10.60	10.87	10.67
New London-Norwich**	473.40	473.75	449.03	40.6	40.7	40.2	11.66	11.64	11.17
Norwalk	463.95	464.18	440.57	43.4	43.3	42.2	10.69	10.72	10.44
Torrington	368.43	362.52	335.37	42.3	42.5	40.7	8.71	8.53	8.24
Willimantic	439.69	402.93	411.45	42.4	40.7	40.9	10.37	9.90	10.06

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

**The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are a part of the New London-Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the estimates.

(R) Revised

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)*		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment		Personal Income Millions
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Seasonally Adj.
1987							
Jan....	1603.5	1626.1	5938	3740	4.0	3.5	$5001.4
Feb....	1597.0	1623.8	3593	4081	4.0	3.5	5035.0
Mar....	1616.2	1632.5	2668	3547	3.8	3.5	5044.3
Apr....	1635.7	1635.6	2592	3199	3.2	3.3	5043.2
May....	1645.6	1638.0	2455	3283	3.2	3.4	5063.6
Jun....	1664.3	1643.8	2861	3066	3.3	3.3	5087.8
Jul....	1640.8	1646.8	4588	3123	3.3	3.2	5091.8
Aug....	1634.2	1647.2	2739	2970	3.3	3.3	5130.8
Sep....	1648.8	1645.5	1789	2959	2.9	3.2	5144.9
Oct....	1657.5	1647.6	1952	2823	2.9	3.3	5172.9
Nov....	1667.4	1650.0	2318	2800	2.9	3.2	5212.1
Dec....	1676.6	1652.4	5125	2901	3.1	3.2	5240.3
1988							
Jan....	1646.3	1669.7	5713	3598	3.7	3.3	5273.4
Feb....	1645.6	1672.4	3286	3734	3.6	3.3	5318.1(R)
Mar....	1657.9(P)	1674.6(P)	2424	3223	3.1	3.0	5327.1(P)
Apr....							
May....							
Jun....							
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1987						
Jan....	13430	14561	42.0	42.0	133.8	128.4
Feb....	12036	15099	42.0	42.0	132.3	127.9
Mar....	12797	13252	42.1	42.0	132.1	127.0
Apr....	14894	13430	41.9	42.0	130.8	126.4
May....	11027	11098	42.2	42.4	132.0	128.2
Jun....	11862	11754	42.3	42.3	129.1	125.3
Jul....	15214	15198	42.0	42.3	105.5	123.4
Aug....	12547	11645	41.6	42.3	108.5	124.7
Sep....	17917	15913	42.0	42.1	127.7	124.5
Oct.	12587	13485	42.1	42.1	130.4	126.0
Nov....	14508	13907	42.0	41.6	130.4	124.4
Dec....	20320	19862	42.7	42.1	121.6	127.7
1988						
Jan....	11903	12910	42.3	42.3	130.7	125.4
Feb....	11959	15005	41.6	41.6	128.1	123.9
Mar....	25076**	25959**	41.9	41.8	127.4	122.4
Apr....						
May....						
Jun....						
Jul....						
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

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* Series revised April, 1988
** Data affected by administrative factors

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid	Employer Contributions Collected
1973	36,314	$117,610,000	$114,163,000
1974	49,255	163,258,000	124,859,000
1975	83,971	298,345,000	140,940,000
1976	67,864	238,013,000	164,922,000
1977	53,699	193,150,000	177,719,000
1978	37,220	138,351,000	189,892,000
1979	30,876	114,926,000	181,376,000
1980	37,463	163,644,000	174,402,000
1981	36,507	173,725,000	167,840,000
1982	47,952	262,962,000	183,733,000
1983	40,251	232,255,000	201,578,000
1984	25,428	154,180,000	238,511,000
1985	26,449	177,887,000	249,065,000
1986	24,950	175,584,000	238,705,000
1987	20,619	158,278,000	211,387,000
Jan'87	33,123	$18,946,000	$ 5,870,000
Feb	30,100	18,498,000	18,865,000
Mar	26,818	19,687,000	1,020,000
Apr	21,177	13,323,000	27,114,000
May	18,023	11,309,000	81,325,000
Jun	17,311	11,480,000	1,096,000
Jul	20,296	12,543,000	19,971,000
Aug	20,297	12,346,000	27,660,000
Sep	15,393	9,787,000	825,000
Oct	13,773	8,748,000	8,131,000
Nov	13,968	9,606,000	18,945,000
Dec	17,145	12,005,000	565,000
Jan'88	29,855	18,603,000	4,976,000
Feb	27,794	20,447,000	18,143,000
Mar	24,706	19,543,000	694,000
Apr			
May			
Jun			
Jul			
Aug			
Sep			
Oct			
Nov			
Dec			

*Interest bearing

Federal Loans	
1972	31,800,000
1973	21,700,000
1974	8,500,000
1975	203,000,000
1976	137,000,000
1977	75,000,000
1978	37,000,000
1983	63,806,000*

Direct Loan Repayments	
1976	$ 26,000,000
1977	27,300,000
1978	37,300,000
1979	39,600,000
1984	30,876,000
1985	32,930,000
1986	40,187,000

Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction	
1975	$ 12,906,000
1981	46,537,000
1982	49,496,000
1983	53,975,000
1984	57,349,000
1985	61,138,000
1986	64,357,000

Total Outstanding Loans (3/31/88)

$ 0

Ct. UC Trust Fund Reserve - (3/31/88)
$230.2 million

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May 1988

A strong seasonal expansion boosted employment by 17,000 jobs in Connecticut during April as unemployment dropped to 2.5 percent, the lowest in nearly 22 years, according to State Labor Commissioner Betty L. Tianti.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Statewide employment at 1,672,500 reflected a monthly increase of 17,000 and 36,800 more jobs than April 1987 (page 2). Manufacturing payrolls held steady over the month and nonmanufacturing gained. There was a jump of 6,200 jobs in the services category, construction was up 5,400 and trade added 4,800. Other than small dips in hotel and communications employment, all nonmanufacturing categories improved over last year. Employment levels were higher than March and also April 1987 in each of the 15 labor market areas (pages 5 & 6).

April's hourly earnings of factory workers were unchanged at $10.76 for a slightly shorter workweek of 41.5 hours with weekly pay averaging $446.54. Last year's hourly and weekly wages were $10.32 and $432.41 for a 41.9 hour week. Weekly straight-time wages of $413.60 and $10.34 an hour were slightly higher than March and 4.7 percent above April 1987 rates of $395.20 and $9.88 per hour. Among the major labor market areas, production workers in Stamford received the highest pay at $494.91 a week, followed by Bridgeport, $470.95 and Hartford, $468.35 (page 6).

Unemployment: Joblessness decreased by 8,900 to 43,400 in April and the actual rate from 3.1 to 2.5 percent (page 4), matching the October 1966 rate. The seasonally adjusted rate also declined from 3 percent to 2.7 which compared with 3.3 percent a year ago when unemployment stood at 56,500. Connecticut unemployment continued to outpace the nation's 5.3 percent rate adjusted to 5.4. Fourteen labor market areas recorded lower monthly unemployment while Willimantic remained unchanged. This was a substantial improvement over the previous year. Included in the unemployment estimate are people receiving compensation, others whose benefits expired or who were ineligible and those entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: In other segments of the economy, personal income of state residents set a new record high at $5-billion, 329-million, manufacturing output was up and there were fewer initial (first-time) claims for unemployment benefits when seasonally adjusted (page 7).

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A "Profile of the Connecticut Labor Force - 1987" is included with this report.